

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) was established in 1973 with 55 volunteers assigned to five volunteer workstations, and within its second year, the program expanded to include all the communities in Roberts County, boosting the number of volunteers to 120 and workstations to eight; and,

Whereas, In June 1976, the program became self-incorporated, expanded into Day County and was known as the Roberts and Day County R&SVP, and in 1986, they expanded even more to become the Codington, Day and Roberts County R&SVP, Inc.; and,

Whereas, In April 2001, the program changed its grantee to the Watertown Volunteer Center for 2 years, and its name changed to Glacial Lakes R&SVP, and in April 2003, Blue Cloud Abbey became the new grantee; and,

Whereas, Today, Glacial Lakes R&SVP services 100 workstations that meet the critical needs of the community that have a significant impact on the citizens by utilizing the skills and experience of volunteers; and,

Whereas, R&SVP volunteers assist with disaster preparedness and relief, education, environment, community and economic development, health and nutrition, housing, human needs, public safety, and homeland security; and,

Whereas, R&SVP will be in partnership with community organizations, public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and institutions such as the South Dakota Office of Adult Services and Aging, United Way, ministerial associations, Federal Emergency Management Administration, state Commissions on National Service, and all appropriate organizations to enhance the capacity of their efforts and facilitate cooperation with existing or planned community services and address other community needs not being met while developing community support; and,

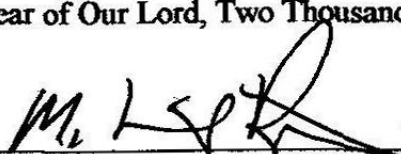
Whereas, Codington, Day, and Roberts County R&SVP will be recognized for its 30 years of response, service, and vision on behalf of thousands of South Dakotans:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2003, as


GLACIAL LAKES R&SVP DAY

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens of South Dakota to recognize our seniors for the huge, untapped resource of skills, talent, and experience they possess.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State
Chad W. Heinrich, Deputy

